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FAYETTE TRIBUNE'S

ARTICLE ON HOWARD CASE.
FAIR STATEMENT

The trial of Dr. Howard, charged with the murder of his wife, at Marlinton last week was one of the most interesting cases ever tried in the state. As briefly noted in last week's Tribune the jury found a verdict of not guilty. Dr. Howard immediately left for Nova Scotia and will return to his home in England to enlist in the army.

The evidence against the accused seemed to have been based on a general suspicion and hatred of the doctor throughout the community. The dead woman was beloved by all. Her life in Marlinton was not pleasant on account of her husband's enemies. There was no evidence that he mistreated her or that they ever quarreled. No motive for murder was shown. The autopsy was not thorough and doctors were not positive that the woman died of a broken neck.

There was a slight bruise on the woman's neck and a scratch on her throat which the prosecution contended might have been made by the doctor as she took her head in his hands to wrench her neck. The doctors who made the autopsy were not agreed that the neck was broken. An incision was made to permit them to insert their fingers as far as the vertebra, where they found spaces indicating that the ligaments had been sundered. Other doctors, experts from Wheeling and Baltimore, testified that this condition was not an evidence of a broken neck and a human neck direct from a dissecting room was used in demonstrating before the jury. The undertaker testified that he had much difficulty in keeping the head in position while embalming the body. There seemed to be an unnatural looseness about the neck and the head had to be propped up on each side.

A remark made by Dr. Howard while in jail to another doctor was used by the prosecution as a sort of confession. This doctor had told Howard that the people believed he had probably accidentally killed his wife while in a rage without any intention of murder. Howard remarked, "Well that's the way it happened." In the trial Dr. Howard explained that the above remark was not in reply to the doctor's statement but referred to his own previous account of the affair.

When found in her room dead she was clutching a flower in her hand. The bosom of her dress and her handkerchief lying under her was also damp. Dr. Howard had climbed over the transom to get in her room where he found her dead. The theory of the defense was that death was due to either suicide or heart disease. Mrs. Howard was subject to fainting spells.

There was the greatest interest in the trial and many brought their dinner in the court room and remained in their seats all day. Business in the town was suspended for several days. There were no demonstrations and the verdict met with general approval. Some circumstances in connection with the case cast grave suspicion on the accused. The cause of the death of the woman will remain a mystery.

The case was tried by Judge W. L. Lee, special judge, who speaks in high terms of praise of the able counsel who conducted the trial and the intelligent jury who sat in the case. Ten of the jurors were for acquittal on the first poll and two were in doubt. None voted for indictment as charged in the indictment.

THE MYSTERY OF HIBERNATION

The old saw about the woodchuck and his shadow sends him back for a six weeks' sleep if Feb. 2 is a sunny day. Of course, the woodchuck has no advance information on the weather. But he does sleep for weeks at a time. How does he do it?

If you were to dig out of their burrows any of the millions of hedgehogs, dormice, marmots, or woodchucks; or take out from the mud at the bottom of ponds any of the lizards, turtles or frogs; or take from the crevices of rock any of the toads or snakes; or pick from the roofs of caves a bat or two of all those close clinging there you would find each one sound asleep; and no ordinary thing you could do would awaken it, for this is its long winter sleep.

This sleep is one of the mysteries of nature. None of the scientists can explain it. It has always been known that in the few weeks before the hibernating period is to begin, those animals which are to sleep through the winter begin to put on fat. No one can answer why. By spring the fat is gone and the animal is lean and scrawny so that it is supposed the fat supplies energy to keep the heart beating, although the process of feeding and excretion are suspended throughout the long sleep.

When the woodchuck crawls into his hole for his winter's sleep he stops breathing but his heart beats on, feebly, and his blood circulates slowly. You may pull him out when he is thus hibernating and hold him under water for a long time and he will not be drowned, because he is not breathing and his lungs will not fill with water. His heart will beat right along. You may remove his brain and entire spinal cord, and his heart will beat for twelve hours. You may cut off his head and his heart will beat three hours.

But it is possible to freeze the warm blooded hibernating animal to death. If it gets too cold the animal will begin to stir, and if it stays too cold for a long time he will die; but frogs have been known to have their blood frozen to ice and yet they lived. Mosquitoes and spiders may be frozen so they are as brittle as snowflakes and break to pieces when touched, and they revive with warm weather. But with each freezing and thawing their vitality lessens, and after a certain number of times they fail to revive.

When warm weather comes the hibernating animals begin to stir and soon come out. What strange instinct or impulse is it that urges the hibernating animal to put on fat for his long sleep; that suspends breathing but keeps the heart pulsating; that awakens him when the weather drops to the danger point, or when it is warm enough to come out in the spring? That is one of the mysteries.—The Kansas City Star.

MRS. JAMES W. WARWICK

Mrs. James Woods Warwick, aged about 75 years, died at five o'clock Wednesday morning April 18, 1917, at the home of her sister-in-law, Mrs. J. H. McClintic. Her funeral was preached by Rev. C. W. Reed and her remains laid rest in the Warm Spring cemetery at 11 o'clock Thursday morning. She leaves an aged husband to mourn her loss.—Bath County Enterprise.

ADVERTISED LETTERS

Marlinton, April 26.—Mrs. Maurice Carter, Mrs. Mary S. Carter, Miss Anna Gordon, James M. Johnson, Mrs. Mary Tacy, E. B. Williams.

WASHINGTON LETTER

(Geo. W. Summers.)

While the federal armor plate plant has been located at Charleston, the board to select a location for the nitrate plant to cost \$10,000,000 is understood to be seriously considering Wheeling as the location for the big plant. Several other sites have to be visited before the board will be ready to make any statement, but it is said Wheeling has greatly impressed the members of the board because of its numerous advantages, and it would not be a great surprise if it should be selected.

The Baltimore and Ohio Railroad is reported to have purchased the controlling interest in the Coal and Coke railroad, recently disposed of by the estates of the late Senators Henry G. Davis and Stephen B. Elkins, and it is said that trunk lines will be built up between Charleston and Baltimore and between Charleston and Pittsburgh.

Lieutenant Howard F. Wehrle, of Charleston, now in the aviation corps, wants to be appointed a captain in that service and Congressman Littlepage is trying to help him get the position. Lieut. Wehrle has been to a height of 10,000 feet above the earth and has declined an offer of \$125 a week in an airplane factory to remain in the army.

In the position of assistant paymaster in the navy there are 134 vacancies soon to be filled. Examinations of applicants for these places at \$1,800 a year to start on will be held on May 15. Congressman Neely or Littlepage will supply information. The applicants must be between 21 and 26 years old and must pass examinations in trigonometry, geometry, rhetoric, literature, chemistry, physics, political history, United States and world history, and in one language besides English.

The organization of a brigade in the national guard of West Virginia has been proposed by Brigadier General W. W. Scott, former head of the guard in the State, who is now in Washington on the supernumerary list. To do this two more regiments would have to be recruited.

Every occupant of the office may not become Speaker because Champ Clark did, but the former office of Speaker Clark has been assigned to Congressman Adam B. Littlepage. It is on the first floor of the capitol building and is one of the few offices in the capitol building except those occupied by chairmen of important committees. It is quite an honor that has been conferred upon Mr. Littlepage in his assignment to this office.

GRADUATING EXERCISES

The public schools of the Huntersville and Edray districts have united in a graduating exercise to be held in the Marlinton Methodist Church, May 3rd, at 7:30 p. m. The two districts have about fifty graduates from the grades this year, and these graduates are expected to attend the exercise.

Rev. J. C. Johnson will make the address and present the diplomas.

MARLINTON METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday School 9:45. Preaching at 11 a. m. by the pastor; subject of sermon is "Love for Country." This will be a patriotic service. The members of the church and others are invited to participate in this service. Epworth League at 7 o'clock. Let there be a large attendance of young people. The union service which is held on the fifth Sunday evenings will be held this time in the Methodist church, and the sermon will be preached by Rev. J. M. Walker of the Presbyterian church.

If the rest of the world has planted in excess of the usual amount in the same proportion as Marlinton there will be no end of an increase if the season is good. A truck patch here is the hall mark of nobility. Heroes in overalls, that's what they are!



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THE OTHER GERMANY

Irvin S. Cobb, who spent a lot of time at the front with both armies in Europe, writes of the two Germanys as follows:

"We have got to remember that the Germany with which we have broken is not the Germany of Heine and Goethe and Beethoven; not the Germany that gave us Steuben in the Revolutionary War, and Sigel and Schurz in the Civil War; not the Germany of the sentimental, chivalrous, lovable Saxon, or yet of the music-loving, home-loving Bavarian; not the Germany that was the birthplace of the kindly, honorable, industrious, patriotic German speaking neighbor around the corner from you—but the fanatical, tyrannical, power-mad, blood-and-iron Prussianized Germany of Bismarck and Von Bernhardi, of the Crown Prince and Junkers—that passionate Prussianized Germany which for forty years thro' the instrumentality of its ruling classes—not necessarily its Kaiser, but its real ruling classes—has been jealousy striving to pervert every native ounce of its scientific and its inventive and its creative genius out of the paths of progress and civilization and to join it into the grooves of the greatest autocratic machine, the greatest organism for killing off human beings, the greatest engine of misbegotten and misdirected efficiency that was ever created in the world. Because we have an admiration for some of these Germanys is no more reason why we should abate our indignation and our detestation for the other Germany than that because a man loves a cheery blaze upon his hearthstone he should refuse to fight a forest fire."—Saturday Evening Post.

IN MEMORIAM

Forrest L. Beard, born January 10, 1872, died April 6, 1917, at Marlinton, W. Va.

By Anna L. Price.

Our brother has gone, who suffered so long,
He has gone to Heaven with smile and a song;
'Twas life and death a conflict
That ends in heavenly peace,
And we give him up, over the glad release.

The wife of his bosom, the children he loved,
How their tears flow down, the heart waters moved,
Under the hand of God:
But God is most kind, He is good always,
The widow's friend, and the children's stay.

The world that our brother has entered in,
Is free from stern care and pain and sin;
The beautiful City of God:
Which we only glimpse so darkly we see,
But he doth behold it perfectly.

The angels will come,—a few years at best,
And where he was gathered will gather the rest;
The time is short, a little while, and then the reunion, how sweet it will be,
In the heavenly home, of a whole family.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

Our State Sunday School Convention meets in Parkersburg May 8, 9, and 10, and every Sunday School in our county which has not already elected its delegate is requested to do so next Sunday and advise our county secretary at once. No reduced rates are being given this year by the railroads.

Everything indicates that the coming convention will be one of the greatest ever held in our State and certainly Pocahontas will not fail to send a big delegation.

Sacrifices must be made in order that we be represented, but we must not halt in so great a cause.

Pocahontas County Sunday School Association,
J. A. Sydenstricker, Pres.

Miss Mabel Moore has accepted a position in the Marlinton post-office.

A Distant Conflagration

is no guaranty that you may not ever have one close at hand and involving your own property. Your chances of escape are extremely uncertain and insurance offers the only chance for absolute protection against loss. Consult Hunter & Echols Insurance Agency as to the best way to place your policies. Such information is of very practical value to every owner of real estate.

DURING THE VACATION TIME

By County Supt. B. B. Williams.

In my humble opinion the people as a general thing do not appreciate the enormity of the food shortage in this country nor feel keenly the responsibility of helping to bring about a change in this condition by the time the crops are gathered this fall.

May I not personally and officially appeal to each boy and girl of this county as well as the teachers to lend a helping hand in the production of some vegetable, grain, or animal, or fowl that will help feed the people here or some where else?

Every family and every able bodied citizen, young or old, male or female, should make it a point not only to save waste wherever possible but to produce the utmost quantity of all needed products. Every vacant space within reach should be placed under culture.

It is not a question of whether it pays in a commercial sense to produce your own vegetables, etc., but it is now a solemn duty. Everybody should plant some seeds and get nature to work or raise some animal or chicken that there may be a supply. It is not very complimentary to this country that such things as potatoes, beans, onions, tomatoes and other common vegetables are so scarce and high. The soil in this county is capable of producing such and only needs the muscle and brains to handle it to that end, and we shall have not only a supply for ourselves but be in a position to help those who are at the front fighting.

And with it all, do not be afraid of work. Do your utmost, and do it cheerfully. A certain amount of recreation is needed by us all, but much of the time that has been wasted by our people on sports and idle pursuits can be and should be given now to useful, productive activities.

The time has come when anyone should be reminded of his duty if he cannot see it himself. This land should be made to blossom as the rose; two blades of grass should be made to grow where one grew before, and other things in proportion.

Climatic conditions are against us; seeds, fertilizer and labor are scarce and costly, but our duty well performed will to a large measure make up for this. This is the time for every boy and girl to show the stuff he is made of by not being afraid to work and to be a producer and planting some vegetable or caring for some live stock and thereby helping to ward off the food famine that now confronts our country.

The Boys and Girls clubs of this country are doing an extra good business and we expect them to do more this year. Profit by last year's experience and produce more this year than ever. Let us have more enlisted in this good work. If the county agent cannot get time to help you get what help you can in other ways and try something anyway and you will be surprised at your own ability and success. Many of our boys and girls are at work and others should be. Let us all make a long hard pull for less waste in money and time and for more food supplies that when school time comes this fall we shall have the consciousness of duty well performed.

NOTICE

To The Times:
Marlinton, W. Va.

The State Council of Defense having received reports that it is difficult or impossible to secure all necessary seed locally in some parts of the state has requested that the State Board of Control to canvas the situation and secure such seeds as are now available. In order to accomplish this, it is urged that all who need seed of any kind should communicate their needs at once to the county agricultural agent of the College of Agriculture, Mr. Burt Johnson, Marlinton, W. Va., who will secure the seeds within the county if possible, and where there is a local shortage he will immediately communicate with the State Board of Control, which is in close touch with the seed market and will get the seed if there is any. It will be a great favor if all papers will bring attention to this fact for the next six weeks, and if all who need seed will make their needs known at once to the county agricultural agent.

JAMES S. LAKIN, President
State Board of Control, Charleston, W. Va.,
April 23.

DOG LOST—Brindle, Boston bull terrier, answers to name of Broadway. Last seen on April 21. Suitable reward if returned.
MRS. H. ECHOLS,
Marlinton, W. Va.

No Eggs, Milk or Butter

The following recipe shows how an appetizing, wholesome cake can be made without expensive ingredients.

In many other recipes the number of eggs may be reduced one-half or more by using an additional quantity of ROYAL Baking Powder, about a teaspoon, in place of each egg omitted.

EGGS, MILKLESS, BUTTERLESS CAKE

1 cup brown sugar
1/4 cup water
1 cup seeded raisins
2 ounces citron
1/2 cup shortening
1 teaspoon nutmeg
1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
1/2 teaspoon salt
2 cups flour
5 teaspoons Royal Baking Powder

The old method (fruit cake) called for 2 eggs

DIRECTIONS—Put the first eight ingredients into saucepan and boil three minutes. When cool, add the flour and baking powder which have been sifted together; mix well. Bake in moderate oven in loaf pan (round tin with hole in center is best) for 3 or 40 minutes. Ice with white icing.

Booklet of recipes which economize on eggs and other expensive ingredients, mailed free. Address Royal Baking Powder Co., 135 William Street, New York.

ROYAL BAKING POWDER

Made from Cream of Tartar, derived from grapes, adds none but healthful qualities to the food.

No Alum

No Phosphate

THE WOMEN'S CLUB

On January 20th, Mrs. P. A. George, of Ronceverte, president of the Sixth District of the West Virginia Federation of Women's Clubs, came to Marlinton for the purpose of organizing a woman's club. The club was organized with the nine charter members who had answered to a public invitation given by the promoters. Officers elected were Miss M. J. Merrells, president; Mrs. C. A. Yeager, vice-president; Mrs. T. S. McNeel, secretary; Mrs. W. J. Yeager, treasurer.

The fourth meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Calvin W. Price on April 14. A month before application had been made for membership in the West Virginia Federation of Women's Club, and at this meeting notice was received of its acceptance.

The week beginning April 30th was set for planting trees down Court House Street. Each member of the club will try to have a tree planted. If any one else is interested, it will be appreciated if they will notify one of the committee—Mrs. C. A. Yeager, Mrs. S. L. Hogsett, Mrs. J. A. Sydenstricker.

The subject, Current Events, in literature, Mrs. Sydner; in art, Mrs. G. W. Sharp; in music, Miss Shugroee; in science and invention, Miss Sullivan; in politics and war, Mrs. T. S. McNeel; in religion and social service, Mrs. W. J. Yeager.

M. F. Gum has been awarded the contract to carry the mail on the Marlinton Warwick route. The mail will leave town at noon, go by way of the Wilfong road to Alderny school house, thence on the Cloverlick road to Warwick and back to Marlinton by 3:45 o'clock. The Huntersville route has been contracted by Geo. W. McCollam.

Administrator Notice

All persons having claims against the estate of C. C. Burner, deceased, will present the same properly proven to the undersigned administrator for settlement. All persons indebted to said estate will come and settle at once. The April 9th, 1917.
J. D. WILMOTH,
Adm. of C. C. Burner, deceased.

CIRCUS DAY

THE KIDS ARE PLANNING A BIG HOLIDAY Saturday, April 28 Spark's World's famous Shows will hold forth in this city for a matinee and night exhibition, and the rare, unique and wonderful things that have been promised on paper will become a reality.

The airy riders, who in diaphanous skirts have been pirouetting on the expansive backs of beautiful and speedy circus horses (on the bill boards) will be seen in all the gorgonzolous of tulle and seductive smile; the elephants will copy their pictured acts of comedy and then go them one better; the contortionist will proceed to disentangle himself from the knots he tied in his responsive body last year; the acrobatic families will turn dizzy somersaults and the clowns will work off their latest comedy stunts to the great delight of the crowds present—we all like the clowns.

There is nothing on earth like the circus. It is the people's show par excellence. It is the one great American amusement that appeals to all the people.

The merit in a big circus like the Sparks Shows is in the fact that everything in the show is the very best of its kind. There must, inevitably be riding acts, but the riders are the leaders of their profession. There must be acrobats, but the acrobatic artists and aerialists are gathered from the wide world, and are the best that money can procure.

It is this superiority in the quality of the performers that makes the Sparks Shows such a welcome visitor.

Administrator's Notice

All parties having claims against the estates of Franc Frank and Annie Woodson, (colored) deceased will please present them properly proven for settlement to the undersigned Wm. Gibson, S. P. C. and as such administrator of the foregoing estates and all parties owing the foregoing estates will please come forward at once and settle.

Wm. GIBSON,
Sheriff of Pocahontas County,

Notice

I will no longer be responsible for any debts Sallie P. Morrison may contract. Mrs. SALLIE RODGERS,
April 19, 1917.

The Call to Farmers

We have entered the War.

Financially we are on an exceptionally sound footing.

It now remains to turn a sufficient part of our resources into an ample supply of food.

A call has been sounded to the American Farmer to increase production, to cultivate intensively every available acre.

The Farmers of Pocahontas will surely respond.

We stand ready to help you.

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